

CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1.
"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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THE AWFUL WORLD WAR

The War in Which We Are Engaged Is of Far More Importance.

OURS IS A SPIRITUAL WARFARE

The awful war devil is still slaying his millions. His greed and thirst for blood is never satisfied. He is agitating war on every hand. He is dragging millions of souls into his cruel grasp. Yea, he is slaying the young men in early life and breaking the hearts of millions of mothers and young wives.

Fond hopes of millions could have been blasted, and it seems that those in authority who could have some control, care for none of these things. They seem to value human life as nothing. Of course there is little thought about the souls and eternity.

Our country has kept out of the awful conflict so far. No doubt thousands of prayers have been underneath president Wilson and others in authority according to Paul's instructions: "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior; who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. 1 Tim. 2:1-4

I admit that Jesus tells us that we will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but this is nothing new in the history of the world. Wars have checkered the history of the world in all ages. Different peoples have struggled for the mastery over others. All such result in bloodshed and the loss of human life. And what a waste of the lives of precious young men! And most of them probably died with no hope what ever in a Savior.

War is a feeder of hell. It increases the population of that dark region rapidly. This last awful struggle has been the cause of millions of mother's boys dropping into the region of the damned where they are entering their eternal tortures. Their fate is

awful. And snatched away from life so suddenly by Satan's belching cannons and the devil's war artillery, they had no time to repent.

With all the horrors of war vividly pictured before the people, and the shrieks and groans of the damned rightly imagined according to the teaching of the Bible, who favor war? Who would want to force a crowd of innocent young men into the face of death as he belches forth his hellish fury to hurl our young men off the battlefield into the fiery recesses of hell?

While Jesus said that there would be wars, there is no statement nor inference whatever that shows He endorsed or favored war. His teaching is altogether to the contrary. Better suffer wrong than to do wrong, is the spirit of Christ. At one time He said, "If my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight." John 18:36. But as His kingdom is not of this world He teaches us to resist not evil, (Math. 5:39) but rather if they smite you on one cheek turn the other also.

Our attitude toward war can be no other way than that taught by our Lord. If we are of the world so we can take part in the wars then we are not of His kingdom. We cannot be of the world and of the Lord at the same time. We cannot serve God and mammon. Math. 6:24. As for me I cannot fight Germany, nor lend my influence in that direction and support such a movement. I can be imposed upon, but I cannot fight.

No doubt many of our people are wondering what to do in case our country gets into war. Shall we enlist in the governmental service and fight for our rights? Can we shoulder a gun and march out to the battle front and point our gun toward our enemy and fire into his ranks and send his soul to hell, when Jesus, our King, tells us to

love our enemies? Math. 5:44.

There is scarcely any use for me to instruct our people about going to war, because the Holy Ghost, if given perfect right of way, will teach every soul to have the spirit of the Master. And it is plainly shown in the Book that it is not the spirit of the Master to fight.

Jesus loves the world. This takes in Germany as well as America. If we are Christ's, then we love the world too, and our love is not limited to our own native country. If Jesus fought because His rights were trampled upon, then we should do the same. But where do we see Him slaying the multitudes because they were trampling upon His rights? It is pride and selfishness usually that leads to war.

It is not my purpose to discuss war from the world standpoint. It is only my part to show that the Lord's children are citizens of another country. "Not of the world," says Jesus, "even as I am not of the world." John 17:16. "For our citizenship (R. V.) is in heaven." Philippians 3:20. The war in which we are engaged is of far more importance than the world wars being waged. Ours is a spiritual warfare, that seeks to save souls from hell instead of sending them there by flashing steel into their vitals.

Men are leaving their homes and loved ones and volunteering their service for their country and never return to tell them goodbye before sinking into death. They call it bravery and patriotism to face the guns and bursting shells, but beloved, with us, it will be far more brave to excuse ourselves and stay in our own war that is far more important. The time may come when it will take stout hearts to refuse to shoulder a gun and march out to kill men. Many conscientious men have refused to carry guns under any circumstances. They felt it was contrary to the spirit of their Lord.

But we are too busy with our great work to stop and take a hand with the world. Our work must go on whether anything else is done or not. We can't stoop to accept a position lower than the one we already hold. Neither can we afford to

work for less wages, which we have to accept if we leave our war and engage in the world war.

If war is declared on our country, much pressure will be brought to bear to influence our young men to volunteer. Enthusiasm will run high. The appeal to arms to support our country will catch like wild fire. No body will want to be called a coward at such a time and away they will go, and alas many, many, will never return. It may be easy for our own church boys to be caught by the spell. We must have them prepared to say, no, and stay as far away from the influence as possible.

We need our young men in the Lord's service. While they are so they can give the Lord the best of their lives is when they are most needed. What a sad thing to see a young life wasted in sin! Just as well say, what a sad thing to see a young man give his strength and manhood to send men to hell in bloody war, when he ought to be giving the best of his life to the active service of the Lord in building up the great Church of God.

Young men, let me appeal to you now! If you can leave home and go to war and travel over this world, no one knows where, and probably never return to greet your dear old fathers and mothers, or young wives with whom you are living so happily now, how much more can you afford to leave your homes to go to battle for the Lord and do your uttermost to save men from a devil's hell!

As members of the great Church of God we owe our first and best to God. Our first duty is to the church. We obligate to be loyal and true. This, then, is our first duty. The war demon may try to persuade you that your first duty is to the stars and stripes, but this is a delusion. And you should never permit the spell that catches the world to get a hold on you.

The inspiration and zeal of war that is brewing now should only be used by us to more abundantly inspire us to put forth greater effort and show forth more fiery zeal and energy to push the battle for the Lord.

We are short of soldiers now. We have none to give up to fight in carnal wars.

We rather need more to help us than to give up some of ours to help them. They will do enough on their line without our influence. We need to nestle down and give our attention to His call closer than ever. We need to become so engrossed in His service that our ears will scarcely hear the call of the world.

Just now I feel our people need to hide away a little deeper under the shadow of the Almighty. Psalm 91:1. There is a sense in which we can be hid away with Christ in God (Col. 3:3) and still be in full warfare with the devil and his forces. A deeper and more vivid consecration to God will be necessary for every child of God this year. Don't think of trying to bridge over this year on flowery beds of ease. There is no time for ease now. The tensions of the nations are tightened almost to the highest pitch. As our work is more important, more urgent, we must tighten our tensions up to the very highest pitch and plunge in to win or die, and win if we do die.

I hope our ministers and workers will not say in their hearts, I'll work at my trade this year and next year I will give my time to the service of the Lord. Your service is needed this year. The battle is on now. It may be over before next year comes, and then you will not be needed.

Better get your best service in this year, and if the Lord tarries do the same next year, but never procrastinate on the Lord's time.

The deeper the consecration the more spiritual one is, the less of the world will he want, and the less he will participate in worldly affairs, whether it be pleasures, politics, or wars. And the greater will be his enthusiasm for the Lord's work and the more faith he will have while he is engaged in the Lord's service.

Then go deeper and give the best of your life to God and His blessed service. It will pay. Only do it, and God will bless you.

Called to Rest.

Brother Burgess, of Millville, Ala., was called home Jan. 13, leaving a wife and three children who desire the prayers of the saints.

May God bless and comfort their hearts.

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Morris, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and
All the Saints—Greetings
in Jesus' Dear Name:

I praise God for what He has done for me. I praise Him for saving and sanctifying me and I intend to press on until I receive the Holy Ghost. I am only eleven years old but that is not too young to be a Christian.

I thank God for His healing power. When I get sick all I have to do is to get down before God and ask for deliverance and He gives it to me, praise God.

Please pray that my brother and sister may be saved.

We are praying that the Lord will set us free to go out into the work. We don't want to start and then turn back. I always thought when bees swarmed they should go to a new gum, and that is the way we want to be, always going on.

I praise the Lord for the dear old Church of God and I am a member.

Your little sister under the blood,

Flora Belle Reece.

McMinnville, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and
All the Dear Children of
God:

I am so glad that the Lord saved, sanctified and gave me the Holy Ghost and I know He abides now.

I am so glad Jesus can heal appendicitis. I am a living witness, for I suffered for three months with it and He healed me. Jesus gets all the glory for it. I am so glad that Jesus answers prayer. I am so glad I ever found in His precious Word where

He said, "I am the Lord that healeth thee." I have found it to be so.

I have had this blessing since December 14, 1915, and I am not tired of the way. Instead it grows sweeter to me every day. Pray for us here.

Your brother in Christ,
G. W. Durham.

Wayland, Ky.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in
Christ:

I feel that I want to speak a word for my Lord.

I am saved through the blood of Jesus, and filled with the the Holy Ghost.

I have been in the way of holiness a year, and the way grows brighter and sweeter all the time.

I take Jesus for my healer, for both soul and body.

Two of my children have the baptism, but my husband is unsaved, though he believes in this way. I want God's people to pray for him that he may be saved.

The people here have, never heard the doctrine of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, but there are many hungry hearts.

We would be glad for some good preachers to come here to live.

Your sister in Christ,
Dora Easterling.

Ocala, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I write to tell you that my husband is released from the life here on earth for the far more blessed life in glory.

Paralysis had crept all through his body until he was very feeble and helpless, even in speech. Yet often would I hear him trying to repeat verses of Scripture, or praying. Quite often he was heard repeating the hymn, "Am I a soldier of the cross."

If I sang to soothe him he would try to sing too, as he did just a few hours before we saw the end had come, and kept singing after I had ceased. We could only catch a few words.

Saturday morning he twice said: "I want to go home today."

I rejoice that he is with Jesus, free from fetters, and I expect to meet him soon.

We miss the feeble form so much. We walked life's way together, over fifty-one years, and it seems lonely without him. The armed chair and couch are vacant. He is gone. I will look up in hope of a blessed reunion before long, in the presence, of Him who hath bought us with His own blood.

Why should we mourn de-

Carmi, Ill.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and
All the Saints—Greeting
in Jesus' Dear Name:

I want to make a confession to the Church of God.

Two and one half years ago brother D. P. Barnett came to Millport, Ky., with a gospel tent; at which time I was a wretched sinner only 18 years of age, but I had taken up drinking and gambling.

One night as I was standing just outside the tent during the sermon, God spoke to me, saying, "Son give me thine heart." After preaching the altar call was given; God was still talking to my heart. I stood there in my tracks dumfounded, until one dear brother who saw conviction in my face started toward me. I could feel the presence of God. He took me by the hand saying, "Brother, give God your heart tonight." I went to the altar, and there, with bitter tears, I sought God. One Baptist sister came to me and told me that if I ever had salvation, I still had it, but I knew better than that.

I started to leave the altar once but something said, "Give me thine heart," and I knelt again with a determination to go through at any cost. Glory to God, I found Jesus precious to my soul, hallelujah! The next night I was sanctified, and received the Holy Ghost, who remains with me to this present time.

After I began preaching the Word of God I heard about the Church of God, but didn't believe in it at all. I had been taught to oppose formality, so I told people that I didn't think there was anything to the so-called Church of God, but brother Ford was over in Kentucky and told me me about brother Barnett's being at Carmi so I came back with him and when I heard government preached, I saw that was what we needed. When the opportunity was given me I presented myself for membership in the Church of God.

I ask forgiveness of the Church of God. I once persecuted it but now I'm telling folks of it's beauty and power. I ask all the dear

parting friends?

Or shake at death's alarms? 'Tis but the voice that Jesus sends,

To call them to Hims arms.

Clara S. Ogle.

(Brother Ogle has been a minister in the Church of God for several years, but his labors are over now. Sister ogle has our sympathy and prayers in her loneliness now.—Ed.)

readers of the Evangel to pray for me that God may get glory out of my life.

Your brother in the Lord
until Jesus comes,
Home address,
R. I. Bremen, Ky.

Erastus, N. C.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and
Evangel Family—Greetings
in Jesus' Dear Name:

I am praising God for saving me from my sins, sanctifying, and filling me with the Holy Ghost. I have been serving the Lord about three years. I am more determined to live for Jesus than I have ever been before.

I am so glad the church has been set in order here on the top of this mountain.

Brother C. L. Coggins is our pastor. He is doing all he can for the salvation of the lost. We praise the Lord for him.

Our overseer, brother W. A. Capshaw, has been having services for us a few days, and the Lord has wonderfully blessed us.

Sunday, January 28, we had the Lord's supper, and washed the saints' feet. The presence of the Lord was with us.

Please pray for the work here. We want to do more for the Master this year than ever before

Your sister in Jesus,
Emma Henson.

Gone Home.

On February 7, 1917, brother Barney L. Hadsock, of Branford, Fla., laid aside his weapons of warfare, and answered the call of his Captain.

Brother Barney's Christian experience was short but beautiful indeed.

We can't understand why he was called away in young manhood—he, who had been so instrumental in bringing souls to Jesus, but he has finished his work, though his influence lives on.

I wish we had more boys like brother Barney, who, when life's sun is setting, could say, "I want to go."

R. P. J.

Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I have just closed a meeting at Pittsburg, Ga. I praise the Lord for the victory He gave at that place. The Lord wonderfully blessed, and three were baptized with the Holy Ghost.

I praise the Lord for saving me years ago from my sins; later He sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost.

Praise God for victory.
Your brother in Christ,
Will Leatherwood.

Raiford, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson—
Greeting in Jesus' Name:

I am praising God for this great salvation. I praise Him for saving me from my sins, sanctifying me and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence of speaking in tongues. Glory to God! Brother Thomas is doing some good work here. Many believed here and have stepped out for Jesus. Praise the Lord.

Pray that I may stay low and humble at the feet of Jesus.

Your sister waiting for Jesus to come,

Mrs. G. W. Smith.

Carmi, Ill.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and
All the Saints:

I am praising God for the mighty Baptism with the Holy Ghost, and feel like making a confession.

At first I did not see the light on the Church of God, and said things I should not have said. I feel that God has forgiven me. Bless His dear name!

I mean to preach this gospel in it's fullness.

Pray for me.

Yours in Him,

Tony Ford.

Passed Away.

Lizzie Ayers, wife of E. L. Ayers, of Monarat, Va., passed to her long home, on Monday, January 29.

Sister Ayers was a patient sufferer for three years, but on January 21, developed pneumonia and soon passed away.

She received the Holy Ghost about one year before her death. She desired to live that she might do something for her Savior whom she loved so well.

Pray for her two little girls who are left without a mother.

Departed

Mrs. Tom Pendergrass, who was received into the Church of God last summer by Bro. Scott Haynes, recently passed into the great beyond.

She received the Holy Ghost, not more than two months before she died. It was blessed to hear our dear mother speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance.

NOTICE

F. J. Lee, overseer of Tennessee, will conduct a meeting at Morristown, beginning March 10th, 1917.

Everybody is invited to attend.

Full Obedience to the Lord Necessary

Sam C. Perry.

"Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you."

It is said that there are thirty-two thousand promises in the Bible. But of all this number, not one is to the disobedient.

Those who disobey the Lord's commands incur His wrath, and can claim no good from Him, they are exposed continually to His wrath, and if it does not fall upon them it is only because God's gracious mercy and gentle forbearance withholds it.

All the blessings and benefits of the Lord come to us as we do and believe as He bids us. The doing must be in all things, not merely in part, and the believing must be the same.

We see some who seem to think that "Sunday religion," or just living religion in public is sufficient, and that it matters not how the home life is, or the business or social, just so they can appear good and consistent at meeting and in the public service.

It is a puzzle to us to understand how people can feel that they are worthy a place among the redeemed and have a right to shout the praises of the Lord, when in their daily life and dealings with men they are so inconsistent.

True, they may believe in all the doctrines, such as regeneration, sanctification, healing by faith, fullness of the Spirit etc. but if they do not obey and practice—live these things at home and in their daily life, how can they have the face to stand up before the people and declare that they in full enjoyment of God's favor, and in full possession of His blessings?

When a man acts dishonestly with another in any way, if it be a failure to fulfil his word or misrepresentation of anything, he is living in open disobedience to the Lord and the principles of right and cannot be right until he has made satisfaction to the one he has wronged. If a man had wronged another by criticising him or circulating a false report on him or injuring his character in any way, this would hold true. The Christian, or obedient life, is a life of love and good will to all, and cannot wrong or injure one in any way without breaking the law of love, and in breaking over the requirements of the gospel we not only lose the favor of God, but also the communion

or fellowship with the saints.

Why a person who has been disfellowshipped and put aside as being out of the unity of the faith, and who has lost the confidence of the community, as well as the believers, will contend for and try to have a place among the people of God is more than we can understand. If he desires the fellowship of the saints let him make the necessary confession and show the spirit of repentance, come in the way that is prescribed in the Word of God and all will be well, and he will not only have the full enjoyment of the blessings of the Lord, but he will be a blessing to others, a light to shine for the Lord, which he could never do if he remained out of harmony and crossed up with the children of God. Where brethren are crossed up and don't love each other or pull together there is a wrong. Shall we continue to make the wrong greater by talking about each other and not try to make it right? If so we are disloyal to our great Head. Be honest and open hearted, go to your brother, show to him that you love him, get the difficulty settled, God cannot bless while things that are wrong are covered up and allowed to grow worse. This is not the good obedient Christian life. Two honest hearted brethren can get together most any time, if they come together with the Spirit of the Master. To overlook, forgive, love our enemies, bear with the weak, be patient toward all men, and through all circumstances to show an humble, loving, Christlike disposition, is holiness. If you have the blessing of a pure heart, it will show in these things. In a dark corner where is contention, evil speaking and all manner of evil things is the place to let your light shine, it will shine there if you have any light to shine. It is not the evil in others that puts out your light, but it is the evil that you allow to enter into your own heart, "Keep thy heart with all diligence for out of it are the issues of life." If you are obedient to the Lord all the way, the disobedience of others cannot keep you from the Lord's favor.

Disobedience to God in

secret, hidden things is worse than open disobedience.

What comfort can you get from the fellowship of saints, when secretly you are practicing that which would debar you from that fellowship if it were known? To practice little sins and habits in secret and yet try to keep up appearances, shows greater weakness and less real character than to practice them openly. How can people think that they are saints and live this way? It is obedience to the Lord we want and not empty profession. "If ye be willing and obedient ye shall eat the good of the land."

When in all our ways we obey and acknowledge Him, He will make known the fullness of His grace and power "to usward," and we shall live in the liberty and freedom of His Spirit doing all to His glory.

Gadsden, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Evangel Readers:

I am praising God that I have been permitted to live until I found out about the dear old Church of God. We have a good church full of the Holy Ghost.

I have been healed several times through the prayers of the saints. A few weeks ago I was taken very bad with appendicitis. They told me I would have to be operated upon if I ever got well. They told my daughter that I would only live a short while, but I told them I was going to trust God. The saints prayed for me and today I am a well woman, no more appendicitis. I am a witness for God. Glory to His name.

I never started to turn back but to go all the way.

Pray for me that I may ever stand firm for the cause of Christ.

Your sister in the Lord,
Mrs. M. C. Balcomb.

Heflin, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God for saving, sanctifying and filling me with the Holy Ghost, glory to God. I have a determination to go all the way. My whole desire is to do God's will and get souls saved. I want to do God's will where ever I may be. I know I am a child of God and I am determined to fight the battle until the end.

Brother Ellis is our pastor and we are all pleased with him for he preaches the true gospel.

Your sister under the blood,
May Fordham.

Called to Service.

To the Ministers of the Church of God in Tennessee—

Dear Brethren:

I take this means to give a word of encouragement to all the brethren.

I greatly desire that we all rally, and make a special effort to take Tennessee, or at least the greater portion of it, for our King.

It is true that on account of bad weather, very little has been done since the assembly, but now as we are hoping for better weather, let us begin to lay plans for a forward move against the enemy; redeeming the time which we have lost.

Would it not be good if we could establish a church at every county seat? From there work would spread over the county thereby the whole state could soon be Evangelized.

Brethren, this strikes me as being a plausible undertaking.

Now there are in the state of Tennessee ninety-six counties, and only twenty of them have the Church of God. How does that make you feel? Surely you are saying, "Let me go."

I see in the minutes that we have forty-one evangelists, saying nothing of bishops and deacons. Now brethren with this force there should be no trouble in establishing the Church of God in every county, in the next few months.

There are seventy-six counties without churches. If thirty-eight of those forty-one evangelists, would take two counties each you see it would take them all in. Or if twenty-five would take three counties each and establish a church this would take in all except one. Can't we do it? Surely we can. Let us try it.

Every one who would like to enlist in this army and take two or three counties, go there and bombard the place until the enemy is conquered and there plant the standard (the Church of God) let me hear from you at once. Let me know which county you will take.

The following is the list of counties which have churches established: Roane, Warren, Jefferson, Knox, Polk, Rhea, Hamilton, Monroe, James, Dixon, Cheatham, Marion, Putnam, Montgomery, Loudon, Hamblin, Bradley, White, Grundy and Cumberland.

I write this to stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance, that we should

do all in our power for His cause.

Address, F. J. Lee,
2517 Berry st.,
Cleveland, Tenn.

Aracadia, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All the Evangel Family—
Greeting in the Dear Name of Jesus:

I praise God for victory, and for the dear Church of God.

Dear brother Buckalew and wife closed a meeting here last Sunday. The Word was wonderfully given out by brother Buckalew, through the inspiration of the Holy Ghost. No souls were saved; just a drawing together and strengthening of the little flock who were so scattered by the enemy. The Word was given out with power, and deep conviction would settle over the congregation, but people are fighting off conviction, and their hearts are becoming hardened: I believe the consciences of a great many are being seared as with a hot iron and will never turn to God.

Praise God, our aim is to press on until heaven we shall have gained.

Many have started and turned back, but that does not change the Word of God. Bless His name!

Some have accused brother Buckalew of tearing up the church, but if he preaches elsewhere as he did here he will only tear out hypocrites and those who will not stand for the right.

Well praise God! Some of us are better established than ever. Brother, sister, we must press on.

We have a nice little Sunday school here, and the Lord is blessing our efforts. Pray for us; we have hope of Aracadia yet. Let us look at the bright, and not the dark side. The promise is: "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."

May God bless you all. Pray for us.

Your brother,
L. A. Ford.

Gone to Live With Jesus.

Lester Kent, son of brother and sister E. H. Hanks, went to live with Jesus, on Saturday, February 10, after an illness of two weeks.

It is hard for the parents to give up their darling baby, but God knows best. Their loss is heaven's gain.

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To the Saints of God and all the Readers of the Evangel—Greeting in Jesus' Name:

I praise the Lord that I am yet on victory's side. I am more determined to be true to God than ever before. I have such a deep hungering and thirsting for more of God. I am praying and reading the Word more than ever before. I promised God at the beginning of the year, that I would do so, and by His help I mean to keep my word; and I am expecting Him to hear my prayers, and help me to get closer to Him; for He said "Ask, and ye shall receive; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you."

My mind often goes back over the different fields where we have labored; the faces of the dear saints and many friends and acquaintances come up before me; and how my heart yearns to see them all again. I hardly expect to be granted that privilege, but let us all be true and endure unto the end, and some sweet day we will meet around the throne.

How I praise God for this way and that He saved and sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost, and the Comforter still abides.

We are here in a hard place, but our Captain never lost a battle. I think nearly every thing imaginable has been preached here, and many things have been done to hinder the work, but praise God, He is working it all out, and bringing the saints into a closer unity and fellowship. The Spirit is really working among the sinners, convincing them of this way, and convicting them of their sins.

A lady from New Orleans, who was visiting her sister here, came to our service on Sunday night, gave her hand for prayer, came back to the prayer meeting Wednesday night, came to the altar, and was saved and sanctified, and on Friday night at a cottage prayer meeting received the Holy Ghost according to the Acts 2:4. We pray that God may use her in New Orleans in getting the work started there.

We started a sister's prayer meeting the first of the year, to meet every Tuesday afternoon; and the Spirit put His seal upon the first meeting. Praise His name!

Last week a sister received the baptism and others were seeking.

I request the prayers of all the saints and of my many friends everywhere, that God may pour out His Spirit,

in a mighty way upon the church here, and work out everything that in the least hinders His work.

Please pray for me that I may be true to the end.

May God bless the little Evangel as it goes on its way, preaching the full gospel. How I love to read it!

Mrs. M. S. Haynes.
Box 273. Kentwood, La.

East Rome, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All Saints of God—Greeting in Jesus' Dear Name:

I praise God for saving me from sin, sanctifying me with His precious blood and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost and fire. I am so glad we can live in this world without sin. I love Jesus because He first loved me.

I have been in this beautiful way of holiness only three years but I have a determination to go on. I am trying to get deeper in the love of Jesus every day. I have turned away from sin and I have no desire to partake of sin any more. I know the God in whom I trust and am persuaded to believe He is able to keep that which I commit into His care.

Pray for me that I may stay in the center of God's will.

Mrs. J. T. Harbour.

Fernbank, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All the Dear Saints:

I certainly enjoy the Evangel it is so much comfort to me for I never get to go to meeting.

I am still standing strong for God and all His truths. I am praising the dear Lord for His goodness to me. My husband has been sick but praise the dear Lord, he is up again. We just prayed and trusted the dear Lord and He has rewarded our faith.

Pray for husband and I that we may be faithful and let our light shine in this place.

Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. J. T. Smalley.

Gone to Be With Jesus.

Sister Alice Yother departed this life January 14, 1917, after a long illness.

She was a member of the Church of God at Dayton, Tenn., and proved faithful unto death.

She will be sadly missed by her friends, for she was a great helper in the cause she represented.

Sister Alice leaves a husband and two little boys to mourn her death, but God will wipe away all tears in that bright home above.

Mrs. W. F. Turner

OUR OPPORTUNITIES

Wm. D. Biggs.

Every man, woman and child, who are God's children, are given an opportunity each day to do something for our heavenly Father. Do we, as His children, take advantage of the opportunities as we should?

What a glorious feeling it gives to know that today, we have had an opportunity to speak to some friend about his soul's welfare, and have done so, and God Himself knows what the result will be. But what a sad feeling it is to feel that the opportunity has come and gone, and we did not take advantage of it, and some dear soul may be lost forever, when we by speaking some word for Jesus might have started that soul in the way to win everlasting life.

Can we really expect to be God's children and do his will when we daily let opportunities like this pass by? Then again we have opportunities to do good, too, and help God's children who may be in some trouble. The Apostle Paul said in Galatians 6:10, "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."

Then when opportunities like this come to us and we do not do what we can to alleviate some brother's trouble, or to help some dear one in distress we are not living up to the standard that our Christ has set for us—are not living the life God would have us live—our pretense of Christianity is weak and flimsy and the sinner cannot, nor will not look upon us with that confidence that we could and should inspire in him by ever taking advantage of all the opportunities God gives us. Has the opportunity come to you today to speak some word for Jesus to your friends? Then in the name of your dear Christ and Master take advantage of it and tell that one of the great love of the Savior who died on Calvary's cross, that through His blood they might have eternal life.

Has the opportunity come to you today to brighten some home that is now dark with no sunlight of God's presence abiding there? Then for the sake of the God you profess to love and serve, let your light shine and do something to flood this dark home with the love of Jesus and don't give up until "God has wiped away all tears." Have you had the opportunity today to talk to some one who once knew Jesus but who has

turned away from Him and His great love and with his face set toward the world and its false pleasures, is giving up all hope for a bright and glorious eternity with his dear loving Savior? Then for the sake of Him who gave His life for you, do what you can to bring this dear one back to the King of kings and Lord of lords.

The more we do for Jesus the happier we are. Then let us, as Christian people, who profess to hold up the banner of Christ before the world, take advantage of every opportunity that comes to us each day and God will bless us as we have never before been blessed. And we will therefore live nearer and closer to God and our reward will not only be here but will be sure to come when Jesus shall come to claim His own.

Danville, Ill.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All the Dear Saints—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I am praising God for full and free salvation.

I am one year and six months old in the experience of the baptism with the Holy Ghost and fire. Well praise the Lord!

I am glad I ever met with the people of the Church of God.

One year ago last July 10, I received the baptism, and these last eighteen months have been the happiest of my life, and I expect to make this new year the best of my life.

I take the Lord for my healer. I haven't taken any medicine since I received the Holy Ghost.

I am still hungry for more of God's salvation.

I love the little Evangel; I love to read the testimonies and the editor's sermon; it does me much good, and makes me feel so happy in my soul, but the best of all, is to know I'm a member of the Church of God.

I went to a meeting and heard sister Nelson preach about the church, and I could hardly wait until they gave me an opportunity to present myself for membership; which I did December 18. I've been so happy ever since.

I am alone in this world except an unsaved daughter, who is in one place and I in another. I request all to pray for God to save her before it is too late. Also pray for my eyes.

Your brother,
John D. Whiteside.

Called Home.

Dear Brother J. C. Woods went to live with Jesus, February 1, 1917.

He was a good Christian man, saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost, and a member of the Church of God. He trusted God for his body to the end, and passed away with the power of God upon him. Brother Woods leaves a wife and three little girls.

T. B. Wright and Wife.
Liberty, Tenn.

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